

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

ORDER NO. 89-73

RESCINDING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR:

U. S. NAVY MAINTENANCE DREDGING AT HUNTERS POINT NAVAL SHIPYARD,
SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY

PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO MAINTENANCE DREDGING, SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY

WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY MAINTENANCE DREDGING AND
SPOILS DISPOSAL, SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY

BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT MAINTENANCE DREDGING AND
SPOILS DISPOSAL, SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, MAINTENANCE DREDGING AND SPOILS
DISPOSAL ALAMEDA, SOLANO, CONTRA COSTA AND SAN
FRANCISCO COUNTIES

I. WHEREAS, the Regional Board issued waste discharge requirements
as follows:

1. In 1971, the U.S. Navy filed a Report of Waste Discharge for a proposal to perform maintenance dredging at its facilities at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard. The project was to dredge approximately 276,000 cubic yards of bottom material. The U.S. Navy had received permission from U.S. Army Corps to dispose of the material at depths greater than 100 fathoms.
2. On January 27, 1972, the Board adopted Order 72-2, prescribing waste discharge requirements covering the dredging procedures and materials from the Hunters Points Naval Shipyard.
3. In 1972, the Port of San Francisco filed a Report of Waste Discharge for a proposal to dredge approximately 500,000 cubic yards of sediment along the San Francisco waterfront from Aquatic Park to India Basin with disposal at the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers disposal site No. 3 near Alcatraz.
4. On April 16, 1974, the Board adopted Order 74-22, prescribing discharge requirements for the Port of San Francisco to dredge 500,000 cubic yards of sediment along the San Francisco water front from Aquatic Park to India Basin with disposal at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers disposal site No. 3 near Alcatraz.

5. In 1973, the Bay Area Rapid Transit District file a Report of Waste Discharge for a proposal to dredge approximately 200,000 cubic yards of Bay mud from above the TransBay Tube and to backfill over the Tube with rock and concrete. The District had received permission from the Department of Fish and Game, the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to dispose of the sediment at U.S. Army Corps' Alcatraz Disposal Site.
6. On March 14, 1973, the Board adopted Order 73-18, prescribing discharge requirements for the Bay Area Rapid Transit District dredging operation in the San Francisco Bay.
7. On August 15, 1974, Western Pacific Railroad Company filed a Report of Waste Discharge for a proposal to dredge approximately 3,700 cubic yards of sediments from property located just north of the Army Street Terminal area in San Francisco. The proposed dredging area extends approximately 300 feet bayward and to depth of minus 18 feet below mean sea level.
8. On September 17, 1974, the Board adopted Order 74-92, prescribing waste discharge requirements for the Western Pacific Railroad Company dredging operation in San Francisco, San Francisco County.
9. In 1973, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers filed a Report of Waste Discharge for a proposal to perform a maintenance dredging to remove approximately 1,500,000 cubic yards of sediments from the Alameda Naval Air Station ship channel, turning basin, and berthing area and disposed of them at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers disposal site No. 3 at Alcatraz.
10. On September 25, 1973, the Board adopted Order No. 73-56, prescribing waste discharge requirements covering the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dredging operations.
11. On July 16, 1974, the Board adopted Order No. 74-58 to revise Order No. 73-56 to incorporate new EPA Guidelines for Dredge Spoil Disposal.
12. In 1973, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers filed a Report of Waste Discharge for a proposal to perform five maintenance dredging operations. The discharger proposed the following activities:
 - a. Mare Island Strait— Maintenance dredging of a channel 700 feet wide, 30 feet deep, through Mare Island Strait, flaring to a turning basin generally 1,000 feet wide from


former dike No. 6 to within 75 feet southerly from the causeway between Vallejo and Mare Island. Approximately 2,500,000 cubic yards of shoaling would be removed, with disposal at the San Francisco Disposal Site No. 9 in Carquinez Straits.

- b. Richmond Inner Harbor— Maintenance dredging from the turning basin at Point Richmond, to the entrance of Santa Fe Channel. Approximately 250,000 cubic yards would be removed with disposal at San Francisco Disposal Site No. 3 Alcatraz.
 - c. Alameda Naval Air Station— Maintenance dredging of 1,000,000 cubic yards of shoaling material with disposal at San Francisco Disposal Site No. 3 Alcatraz.
 - d. U.S. Naval Fuel Depot at Point Molate-- Maintenance dredging of 200,000 cubic yards of shoaling material, with disposal at San Francisco Disposal Site No. 3 Alcatraz.
 - e. Suisun Bay Channel— Maintenance dredging of 165,000 cubic yards of shoaling material.
- 13. On September 17, 1974, the Board adopted Order 74-96, prescribing waste discharge requirements for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to conduct additional studies to evaluate other potential disposal site for the five maintenance dredging operations to minimize any potential environmental and water quality impacts of the dredging operations. In addition, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was also required to perform more detailed studies on the toxicity of the dredging material.
 - 14. In October 1974, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers re-filed a Report of Waste Discharge to respond to the Board's request in Order 74-96.
 - 15. On October 15, 1974, the Board adopted Order 74-120 prescribing waste discharge requirements for the five maintenance dredging operations by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.
 - 16. In 1975, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Filed a Report of waste Discharge for a proposal to perform a maintenance dredging of 180,000 cubic yards of sediment from a 7,000 foot section of Alameda Creek near Old Patterson Creek. The dredging was done by hydraulic methods with disposal of spoils in the area bounded by retention dikes and located adjacent to Alameda Creek. Overflow water from the disposal area was to be discharged to Alameda Creek.

17. On May 20, 1975, the Board adopted Order No. 57-27, prescribing discharge requirements for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dredging operation at Alameda Creek.
- II. WHEREAS, Water Code Section 13263(e) and the State Board's regulations (Title 23, CAC, Section 2232.2) require the Board to review waste discharge requirements periodically and determine if the requirements are adequate or necessary; and
- III. WHEREAS, all dredging and spoils disposal allowed by the above requirements have been completed; and
- IV. WHEREAS, above-named dischargers could not conduct any additional dredging pursuant to the above orders; and
- V. WHEREAS, the above orders are not necessary; and
- VI. WHEREAS, the proposed action, rescission of requirements, is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Title 14 of the California Administrative Code (Section 15263); and
- VII. WHEREAS, the above named dischargers and other interested persons have been notified of the Regional Board's intent to rescind these waste discharge requirements.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, rescind the waste discharge requirements contained in Orders 72-2, 73-18, 74-22, 74-92, 73-56, 74-58, 74-96, 74-120, and 75-27.

I, Steve R. Ritchie, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region on May 17, 1989.


STEVE R. RITCHIE
Executive Officer